

MINERS' STRIKE IS ALMOST CERTAIN LABOR CALLS MASS MEETING TO PROTEST ZONE SYSTEM VINCENT FOR COMMISSION GOVERNMENT

C. L. U. OPPOSES FARE BOOST AS H. C. L. PROMOTER

Chairman Adjourns Conference

President Seeks to Obtain
Peace—Writes Another
Note.

GOMPERS MAKES FORMAL STATEMENT

Washington, Oct. 23.—Out of the wreck of the national industrial conference, President Wilson today sought to build new machinery to bring about industrial peace in the country. In a message to Chairman Lane he asked that the public representatives in the conference continue their work to make a report to him. The President and other administration officials hope the public delegates, who were appointed by Mr. Wilson and who represent both employers and workers, can formulate a program which will be acceptable to capital and labor.

After announcing that he had received President Wilson's message, Chairman Lane declared the national industrial conference as originally constituted adjourned and immediately called the members of the public group into session as a new conference.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a formal statement today reiterated that unless the employers' group in the conference agreed to the declaration that the workers without discrimination had the right to organize, it was worse than useless for labor's representatives to continue the deliberations.

"We have withdrawn," said Mr. Gompers, "and until the conditions are changed, of course that ends it as far as we are concerned. We are not jumping jacks. We are not on men responsible as citizens, but responsible to millions of workers."

The representatives of the public group, largely employers and people who have been antagonistic to the labor cause and labor movement, voted in favor of the declaration.

"Information has come to me that the employers' group, in their conference, voted against the declaration by a majority of one. I am quite convinced that those employers in that group who voted against the declaration are unrepresentative of the intelligent, fair minded employers."

Hylan Again Asks Arbitration of New York Dock Strike

New York, Oct. 23.—Renewed efforts to arbitrate New York's longshoremen's strike were made today by Mayor Hylan, one of the three conciliators appointed by Secretary of Labor Wilson. He endeavored to arrange an early conference between committees of the strikers, steamship owners and the contracting stevedores.

Not more than 5,000 of the 40,000 men on strike returned to work yesterday, and shipping was still virtually tied up today.

WILSON MAKING SATISFACTORY GAIN SAY HIS DOCTORS

Washington, Oct. 23.—President Wilson is making a satisfactory progress as is possible in the circumstances, his physicians said today. They issued this bulletin: "White House, Oct. 23, 1919, 12 o'clock.

"The President is making a satisfactory progress as is possible in the circumstances. No new symptoms have developed."

RAILROAD MEN TO TURN BACK WATCHES OCT. 26

Washington, Oct. 23.—Railroad officers and employees have been instructed to turn their watches back one hour at 2 a. m. next Sunday when the daylight saving law becomes operative, Director General Hines said today. Trains in terminals when the change occurs will be held until the scheduled time of departure under the new time.

Mass Meeting Called at the New Plaza, Saturday, Nov. 1, at 2 O'clock to Take Protest Action With Aid of All Union Men of Bridgeport.

The entire strength of the labor unions of the city were pledged in opposition to the proposed zone system of the Connecticut company, when the Central Labor Union at its meeting last night by a unanimous vote instructed its legislative committee to appear before the Public Utilities Commission and protest in the name of all the Labor Unions of the city against the introduction of the zone system in this city.

Jasper McLevy, chairman of the Legislative committee, lead in the attack on the policy of the trolley company in raising its rates, and among other things said, that many a laboring man would be unable to take his children to Seaside Park without paying an extra fare for each child, and that the system not only affected the workman who lived in the suburbs but many men in the city would be compelled to pay double fares to get to their work.

Some delegates from the Trolleyman's Union, tried to say a good word for the trolley company but their remarks brought such a volley of protest from the delegates from other unions that the trolley men said that they did not want to be blamed for the system, and asked the delegates to see that members of the other unions did not make them the goats, and take revenge on them when they tried to do what they were paid for doing.

It was voted to hold a mass meeting at the new Plaza, foot of Wall street on Saturday, Nov. 1, at 2 o'clock, where action in protest will be taken by all union men in the city.

PEACE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER MODIFICATION

Paris, Oct. 23.—(Havas)—The supreme council of the peace conference, having considered the report of Sir George Clerk, who was sent to Rumania as commissioner for the council, has sent to Bucharest a note stating that the council is ready to consider a modification of the clauses of the St. Germain treaty with Austria guaranteeing protection to racial and religious minorities as soon as the Rumanian government is ready to sign the convention, according to the Petit Parisien.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIK TROOPS CAPTURE FORTIFIED CITY

London, Oct. 23.—Kransala Gorka, a fortified city on the southern shore of the Gulf of Finland, about 30 miles west of Petrograd, has been taken by anti-Bolshevik troops, according to Helsingfors advices.

South and southwest of Petrograd, the northwestern Russian army seems to be making slow progress.

ALFONSO LEAVES FOR LONDON.

Paris, Oct. 23.—King Alfonso of Spain, concluding his brief visit to France, left here today on a special train, bound for London.

Father Areson, Held Captive Since August Has Been Released By "Reds"

MINERS TO REFUSE PROPOSAL

President Says It Failed to
Meet the Situation

SMALL CHANCE TO AVERT COAL STRIKE

Washington, Oct. 23.—The United Mine Workers of America today formally rejected the proposal by Secretary Wilson for settlement of the coal strike called for November 1. John L. Lewis, president of the Miners' organization, announced that the proposal was indefinite, unsatisfactory and failed to meet the situation. He added that he would so report to the joint conference this afternoon.

President John L. Lewis reiterated that the union would consider no offer of settlement that failed to grant the demand by the miners for a five-day week.

Members of the miners' committee said their meeting would merely ratify the informal agreement reached last night to reject the offer. Leaders said they would attend the conference at 2 o'clock, as they had been asked to do by Secretary Wilson, but that if no new offer of settlement was made, they would start immediately for their homes and make ready for the strike called for Nov. 1.

TEAMSTERS WHO STRUCK 10 DAYS AGO, GO BACK

New York, Oct. 23.—Members of the International Union of Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers, whose strike ten days ago resulted in a complete tie up in express service here, returned to work today.

Decision to call the strike off was reached at a meeting late yesterday after a committee which had visited Washington reported that Walker D. Hines, United States railroad director, had warned them that unless the strike was terminated he would send troops to New York to replace the strikers.

Mr. Hines has promised the men that he would seek to have the wage adjustment board return a decision on their demands by November 4. It was the failure of the board to act as quickly as the men thought it should that led them to strike.

VISCOUNT FRENCH BITTER AGAINST SINN FEIN GOV'T

London, Wednesday, Oct. 23.—Speaking at Wallasey, Cheshire, tonight, Field Marshal Viscount French, Lord Lieutenant and Governor General of Ireland, bitterly attacked the Sinn Fein government of Ireland. Among other things, he said:

"The self-constituted, illegal and insane Sinn Fein government is possessed of a great secret army called the 'Irish Volunteers,' to which are attached assassins whose business it is to murder police and soldiers who question their decrees in any community. The people are frightened into greening the offenders, and courageous efforts on the part of the police are abortive. We are anxious to give self-determination and to be faithful and just to all, but little can possibly be done until law and order are established. When the people hear of 'coercion' I hope they will consider the matter in a just light."

BAVARIA WANTS DR. LEVIEV.

Vienna, Wednesday, Oct. 23.—(By A. P.)—Bavaria has made a formal demand for the extradition of Dr. Max Leviev, the Bavarian communist leader, who arrived here October 9 after his escape from prison. The Austrian government is taking the same attitude that it did in the case of Bela Kun, Hungarian dictator under the communist regime, and his associates, insisting that legal proof of a definite crime be produced by Bavaria.

National War Work Council of Y. M. C. A. Receives Telegram.

WAS FORMER RECTOR OF TRINITY CHURCH

New York, Oct. 23.—Albert F. Coyle and Clinton W. Areson, Y. M. C. A. secretaries, who had been prisoners of the Bolsheviks on the Archangel front since early in August, have been released, according to a telegram from the State Department received by the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. here today.

Mr. Areson was formerly pastor of Trinity church, Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Coyle's home is in Troy, Ala., where his wife is living at present. They left Archangel for Bergen, Norway, last Sunday.

With 107 other "Y" workers they were serving with the allied expedition on the Murmansk and Archangel fronts when captured. The state department has been trying to effect their release through the embassy in Sweden.

CONSPIRACY IN ALSACE-LORRAINE GROWS RAPIDLY

Strasbourg, Wednesday, Oct. 23.—The conspiracy for a revolt in Alsace-Lorraine, having for its object the establishment of an autonomous republic here, is assuming greater proportions than first anticipated. Koessler, the man alleged to be the arch conspirator, made a confession admitting that he has received 500,000 francs from Germany since last May. The funds were sent to him from Baden-Baden.

Acting as intermediary between the Berlin foreign office and the conspirators here, according to Koessler's revelations to the police, was Herr Von Gruenelius, a relative of former Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg.

Literature seized at the home of Koessler bore the caption "The Neutral Republic of Alsace-Lorraine" and called upon the population of the two provinces to separate from France as well as Germany.

K. OF C. WILL GET JOB FOR EVERY SOLDIER

Despite the fact that the government employment bureau has stopped functioning for the returned soldiers and other welfare agencies have made known their intention to quit by Nov. 1, the Knights of Columbus, through William P. Larkin, Overseas Director, last night issued a statement declaring that they would continue indefinitely or "until every man whom they have a record of has been placed."

"The soldiers have become panicky over the prospect which is being held out to them of having to roam about without assistance to secure a job," declared Mr. Larkin.

"I have told the men, many of whom wear four service chevrons and served in units which did hard fighting—that the Knights would be a very poor example of a welfare organization purporting to assist if it 'flaked' before all of the boys had been placed. We are going to stick with the men in just the same way that we are with the soldiers now in France, Great Britain, Germany, Siberia, Alaska, the Canal Zone, and a few other long distant places on the map. We are not worrying about expenses, or how long a time funds will permit us to stay open. If that was the case we never would have started giving the boys jobs. The supreme directors of the Knights of Columbus are determined that we shall not end until the job is finished."

"How long that will be I do not know because we have hundreds of men on our records through the northeastern district, which takes in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania

Neglected Children Is Charge

Four Babies Sent to St.
Francis Home—Vander-
mark Would Appeal
Case.

That Nellie, aged 9; Ethel, aged 6; Emily, aged 7, and Louis, aged 3, the four children of John Vandermark, a driver employed by the Miller Lumber Company, of 123 High street were cruelly treated and neglected is charge made by the Charities Department to Judge Paul Miller of the Probate Court. Following the hearing this morning the four children were ordered sent to the St. Francis Home, in New Haven.

The children's mother has been dead for over a year. Before Judge Miller, Vandermark denied the allegations and said that the children were well clothed, fed and had a good place to sleep.

Evidence of the Charities Department tended to show otherwise and Judge Miller ruled that they be taken away from the parent.

Following the ruling it was announced that the Charities Department would have to care for them for present as they were "carriers" of diphtheria germs, from which they have just recovered.

Vandermark announced his intention of appealing the decision.

BELGIAN ROYAL PARTY IS GIVEN BIG RECEPTION

King Albert Gets Degree
From University of
Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 23.—Former residents of Belgium from all parts of western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia joined the people of Pittsburgh today in honoring Albert, King of the Belgians, and Queen Elizabeth.

The royal party arrived from Cincinnati in a special train and were greeted at the railway station by Governor and Mrs. Sprull, Mayor and Mrs. Babcock and a committee of citizens. After the exchange of greetings they were taken to a hotel, and from there to the soldiers' memorial where King Albert received an honorary degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Inspection of Carnegie Institute and the Carnegie School of Technology, was followed by luncheon at the mayor's residence. The party then drove to the Duquesne plant of the Carnegie Steel Co., where King Albert was shown through the mills and Queen Elizabeth, who is a graduate physician, was taken through the emergency hospital.

The remainder of the program provided for a quick return to Pittsburgh where students of the University of Pittsburgh and the technical school were waiting to give the royal couple a rousing reception at Forbes Field. From there they were taken to the Exposition hall, where the Belgians and many citizens were assembled for the final function of the day.

King Albert's special train was sidetracked for several hours today at Oakdale, Pa., so the members of his party could have a restful night.

As usual, the king was the earliest riser on the train, and he was out for a tramp almost before daylight, greeting railroad men and miners on their way to work. They had no idea of the identity of the tall man in blue serge who spoke to them so cheerfully.

and the New England states. One thing the soldiers can be sure of: the Knights have been with them through the trying days of war and the months following the armistice, and are now with them in the battle for jobs until every man who comes to us is placed."

MANDATES OF THE PEOPLE REPEATEDLY MADE CONTEMPTUOUS

People's Candidate For Mayor Reviews the History of the Five Commissioner Plan—Will Submit Question On Regular Election Day and Give Voters a Fair Chance.

Allen E. Vincent announced today, in his signed communications to the people of Bridgeport, that he will give them an opportunity to vote upon commission government at a regular election.

He discusses in detail some of the means by which politicians defeat the will of the people.

"Six times," says Mr. Vincent, "the people have voted for commission government. Three times they declared their will by overwhelming majorities, once when they voted to adopt commission government, once when they ordered a charter to be drawn for the five commissioner plan, and once when they adopted the charter.

Mr. Vincent exposed the trick by which the charter votes were always taken at a special election, wherever with impossible requirements.

Mr. Vincent says that he will, as mayor when he is elected, submit the question at a regular election, and do all that he can to see that the American principle of majority rule prevails among people in Bridgeport.

Trolley Service Furnished At A Loss, Storrs Claims

WANT OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE LABOR ALLIANCE

Illinois Federation Wires
Samuel Gompers to This
Effect.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 23.—Following the withdrawal of the labor group from the Industrial Conference at Washington, the Illinois Federation of Labor, in convention this morning authorized the sending of a message to Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, and to members of the executive council, urging the immediate issuance of a call for a special convention of the American Federation of Labor in Washington.

The message urges that the official representatives of the railway brotherhoods be invited to participate in the object of the meeting to be the perfecting of an offensive and defensive alliance of the international unions of the United States and Canada and the railway brotherhoods.

The message assails the "steel trust" for methods used in the present strike and says "too long has labor permitted these tyrants to keep the workers on the defensive."

The message assails the "steel ed in the call as one of the objects of the proposed meeting be the 'levying of an assessment upon every organized worker in the United States and Canada of not less than one-fourth of his net earnings and upon every officer of organized labor not less than fifty per cent. of his salary until the objects of this drive be accomplished."

WANT ROZALES FOR PRESIDENT

San Salvador, Oct. 23.—General Maximo B. Rozales has been asked by followers of Alberto Membrano, vice president of Honduras to become a candidate for the presidency of that country. General Lopez Gutierrez having refused to make the canvass. It is understood that various generals in the forces led by Vice President Membrano have been in sharp disagreement with the followers of Gen Gutierrez and have left Tegucigalpa in a mysterious manner.

EMULATE JAEKERS.

Berlin, Wednesday, Oct. 23.—Emulating the Anglerburg Jaegers, which early in October forced their way across the Prussian frontier and joined the iron division in Latvia, an infantry regiment stationed at Thorn, to guard the German-Polish frontier, has carried out a similar coup, according to the Freiheit. The men are said to have complete winter equipment.

Claiming that trolley car transportation is now being furnished to the people of Bridgeport at a loss to the company, Lucius S. Storrs, president of the Connecticut Company, speaking at the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis club, which was held at The Stratfield this noon, declared that the new zone fare system must be installed to meet expenses, and unless it is supported by the public the company will be forced to discontinue its service.

Increased cost of production, higher wages to employees, increased cost of power and increased cost of maintenance were some of the items given by Mr. Storrs as the reason the Connecticut Company is conducting its business at a loss. Also the spending of \$3,760,000 since 1906 by the Connecticut Company for betterments and improvements in Bridgeport was brought forward by the trolley company president in defense of the new system. New pavements and bridges, the cost of which has been partially shared by the Connecticut Company are responsible for the most part for this expenditure.

"Being in this condition of indebtedness, and being denied relief by the General Assembly, we were compelled to readjust the schedule of fares," declared Mr. Storrs.

"We had three possible ways of making this readjustment. The first was a flat fare increase, another the dividing of the property into a greater number of six cent zones, and the third the establishment of a distance fare system, by which people would pay according to the distance they might ride. After a most exhaustive study of the situation we decided that the distance fare system was the one equitable and logical method to adopt."

Mr. Storrs, in defending the adoption of the zone fare system then declared that the people have no cause for complaint over the increased fare inasmuch as they have been riding for years for less than the cost of the service given them.

"Should they be unwilling to pay a fair charge for their rides?" said Mr. Storrs. "We have no alternative but to discontinue the service they may fail to support."

The speaker then took a whack at the jitneys, declaring that they could not efficiently handle the traffic, and that even now the buses are operating over the pavements the cost of which was partially shared by the company.

In closing his defense of the zone system, Mr. Storrs made a general appeal, asking that the new plan be given a fair trial before any judgment is made. He ended his remarks with another threat relative to the discontinuance of service over the least successful lines until a point is reached where the company's revenues are sufficient to meet all obligations.

Tell a woman she is worth her weight in gold and she won't care how fat she gets.